

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-227

Magi No. 2002275135

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Suffolk"

and/or common Polk Homestead

2. Location

street & number N.E. Side of Courthouse Hill Road ___ not for publication

city, town Cokebury ___X___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>X</u> unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<u>X</u> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Polk

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Pocomoke City state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne, state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Polk Homestead stands on a tract of land known as "Suffolk" and on property bordering Dividing Creek, southeast of Cokesbury, Maryland. Courthouse Hill Road serves as the western boundary of the property.

Standing in a grove of trees and among mature boxwood are the remains of a c. 1700-1750 Flemish bond brick house (41'8" X 22'6") with glazed header checker-board pattern. Featured on the southeast gable end is a glazed brick diaper pattern. In 1922, this early house burned and the interior was gutted. The gable end walls were evidently leveled off and the structure was raised to a two-story height by frame. At some point the brickwork was painted white, and the weatherboards were covered with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched asphalt tile roof has extended eaves and sloped soffits.

The southwest (main) facade of the early brick house is pierced by three openings with a central entrance flanked by window openings. The doorway appears to have been made smaller with newer fill brick. A beveled water table runs below the openings. The second floor is marked by three evenly spaced window openings.

The northwest gable end has two window openings on the first floor, two on the second and one in the attic story.

To the rear is a similarly detailed facade with disfigured brickwork around each opening. However, between the entrance and right bay it appears another entrance has been bricked up. Two cellar openings pierce the foundation brick.

The southeast gable end is partially covered by a c. 1922 breezeway addition and garage. In addition, a basement entrance has been cut through the foundation wall. Under the fading white paint it is evident the glazed headers are laid in a diaper pattern. An exterior entrance is located in the left bay.

The interior dates to the period after the fire except for the remnants of two large relieving arches in the cellar. Both arches have been destroyed but the scars remain on each end wall.

A 19th-century family burial plot is located behind the house and is surrounded by a concrete block wall.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

"Suffolk" is the name of a 1667 land patent of 1000 acres located on Dividing Creek in southeast Somerset County. The first floor Flemish bond walls of the extant farmhouse suggest a first half or the 18th-century date. A fading coat of white paint reveals a glazed checkerboard brick pattern on the front and a diaper pattern on the south gable end. In 1922 the house was completely gutted by fire. Shortly after, a frame second story was added and the interior of the brick house was remodeled. Aside from the walls, the farmhouse is primarily significant as an early 18th-century archeological site.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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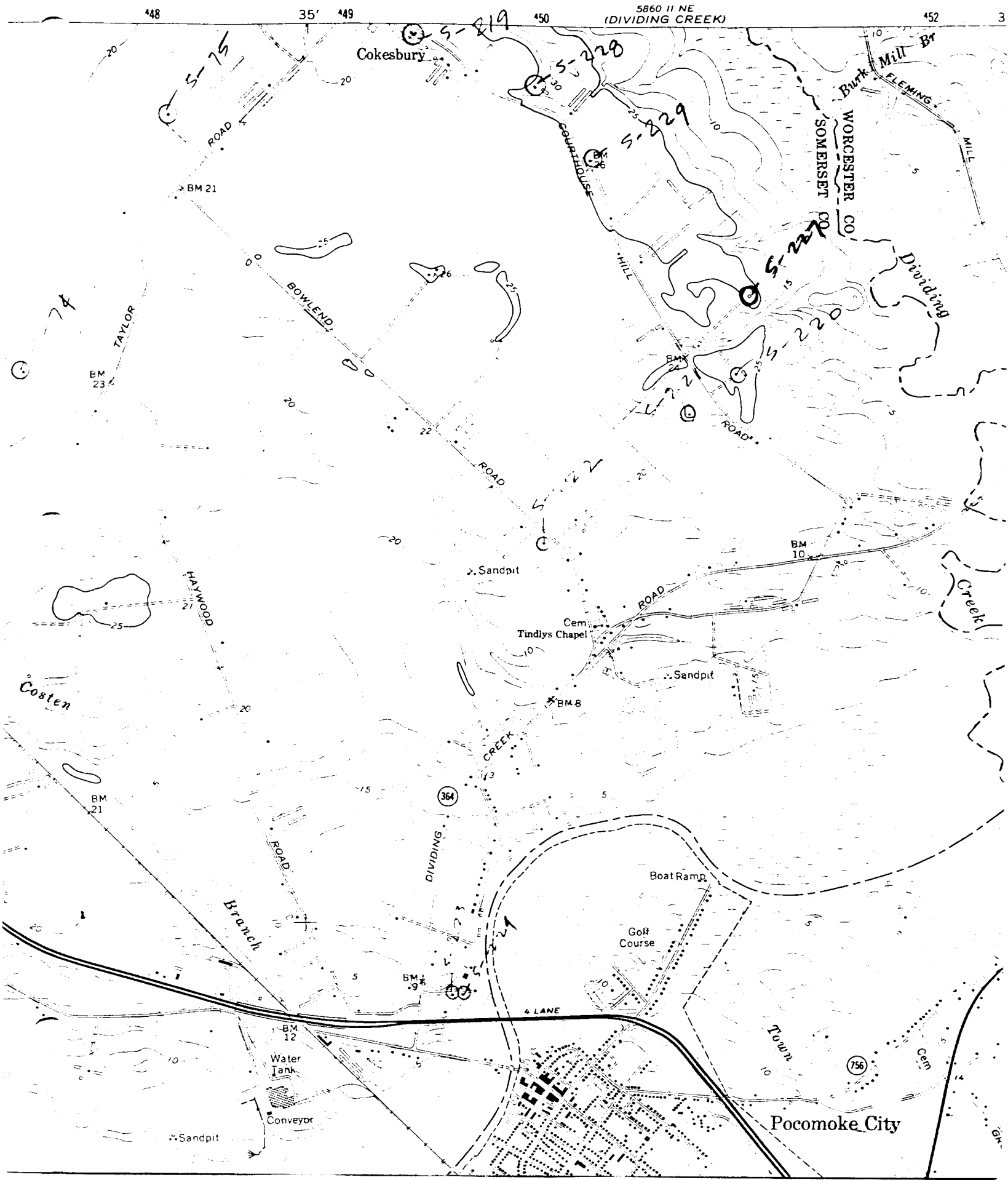
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Suffolk Farm
Near Pocomoke City
Private

c. 1700-1750

"Suffolk" is the name of a 1667 land patent of 1000 acres located on Dividing Creek, near the site of the second county courthouse, which was abandoned in 1742. The single-story Flemish bond walls of the extant farmhouse suggest a first half of the 18th-century date. A fading coat of white paint reveals a glazed checkerboard brick pattern on the front elevation and a diaper pattern on the south gable end. In 1922 the early house was completely gutted by fire. Shortly after, a frame second story was added and the interior of the brick house was remodeled. Aside from the 18th-century walls, the property is primarily significant as an early 18th-century archeological site.

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Pocomoke City, Md. Quad.





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Southwest Elevation

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"Suffolk"

Near Pocomoke City

Southeast Gable End

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